GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CRACKS IN DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks of many dams built to collect rain water in water scare areas are washed off or develop cracks on first downpours thus failing to store water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to reconstruct them;

(c) whether many areas have submerged due to floods caused by heavy rains; and

(d) if so, the action taken to harness the flood water ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The construction, maintenance and repairs of dams is being done by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources. The reports of development of cracks or washing off the dams built to collect rain water have not been received in Central Water Commission.

(c) & (d) Some States namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradeshand West Bengal have experienced floods during the current year due to heavy rains. Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including river erosion primarily rests with the State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.